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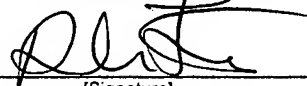
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DIETMAR SCHRATT et al.	)
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification, in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/AT/2003/000263 and in an Austrian Office Action issued by the Austrian Patent Office, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report together with a translation of the

relevant pages thereof. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

German publication No. DE 100 54 468 A1 describes a method for unloading and loading a ship and/or for a transport between ships (5) and a stacking store (10) and/or stacking and/or for unstacking in the stacking store and/or loading and loading of land transport units (6) depending on predefinable parameters. A controller for vehicles and lifting machines in container terminals is provided for carrying out loading, unloading, transportation, stacking and unstacking processes.

German publication No. DE 33 39 092 A1 describes a device for transporting containers between container stores and at least one travelling gantry crane and for loading the containers from the crane onto a transporting apparatus and vice versa. The device has a large-scale electrical overhead conveyer with travelling trolleys (16) for conveying the containers and a rail guide (13, 14, 15) between the container store and the crane (1), a container bridge (8) with a container conveying device (9), which extends transversely to the direction of travel of the crane, being arranged in the crane (1), which container conveying device (9) has at its end a positioning area (12) for containers, across which the overhead conveyer rail (15), which is arranged parallel to the direction of travel of the crane, extends in order to move the travelling trolley (16) over the positioning area to accept or deliver a container (4), a device (17) for stopping the travelling trolley (16) being provided on the container bridge.

German publication No. DE 100 02 915 A1 describes a loading and unloading plant in a sea or river port, especially for ISO containers, comprising a container storage facility which is located along a quay and consists of individual line-type storage modules and at least one loading device for handling loads to and from a vessel on the quay. The loading device co-operates with the storage modules. The loading device for handling loads consists of at least one mobile harbour crane (5), whose load jib extends into the area of at least one transfer point (6) which is provided within a container storage facility (7) consisting of a number of storage modules (9, 9.1, 9.2) with a number of container rows that depends on the width of the module. The transfer point forms a point of intersection between the mobile harbour crane (5) and the storage modules (9, 9.1, 9.2) of the container storage facility (7).

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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	WO 98/35891 A	08-20-1998	PCT			yes
	WO 01/46061 A	06-28-2001	PCT			yes
	DE 100 33 141 A1	01-24-2002	Germany			no
	WO 99/10258	03-04-1999	PCT			abstract
	EP 0 599 841 B1	05-31-1995	Europe			claims
	EP 0 768 256 A1	04-16-1997	Europe			yes
	WO 95/31396	11-23-1995	PCT			yes
	DE 100 54 468 A1	05-23-2002	Germany			no
	DE 33 39 092 A1	01-24-1985	Germany			no
	DE 100 02 915 A1	08-02-2001	Germany			no

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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